

MTA-6003

4 February 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service  
THROUGH: Chief, Operations Group  
SUBJECT: Monthly Report -- Tel Aviv Bureau -- January

I. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

Following speculation that Israel might launch a strike against Libya in retaliation for December's terrorist attacks against the Rome and Vienna airports, the bureau placed Israeli media on open speaker watch on 4 January. Israeli officials subsequently ruled out a unilateral strike against Libya.

Disagreements between the Likud and the Alignment over relations with Egypt once again raised fears that the Israeli coalition government might collapse. The crisis came to a head on 12 January and the Inner Cabinet held a marathon all-night session to resolve the differences. The bureau extended its hours of operation to cover the crisis, remaining open on 12 January until Jerusalem radio signed off at 2305 gmt and opening up 1 hour early the next morning.

The bureau became involved in coverage of the PDRY conflict on 18 January, when Jerusalem Domestic Service began carrying reports by Mickey Gurdus, Israel's private one-man monitoring service, on the former PDRY president's escape to Ethiopia, based on intercepted conversations between the plane and the ground. The bureau remained open at the Wire's request until the former president's plane landed in Ethiopia.

B. Communications

The bureau is once again operating via the primary -- microwave -- link to the Embassy after switching to the landline altroute in November in response to problems caused by the failure [ ] STAT  
primary multiplex.

C. Lateral Services

Bureau cruising monitor [ ] surveyed Sanaa Domestic STAT  
Service from 23 to 31 December in response to a request from a  
local consumer. [ ] compiled a report on frequencies, reception STAT  
and broadcast times which was conveyed to the consumer the next  
week. On 27 January, the consumer called to express appreciation  
for the information, which proved very timely in light of  
subsequent developments in the region.

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C. Lateral Services (Cont'd)

On 22 January, the head of the Embassy Political Section, Roger Harrison, expressed thanks to the bureau and to the Hebrew Section for a 21 January HA'ARETZ article translated in response to an "urgent" request from the Political Section. The article cited the Sephardic chief rabbi calling for the construction of a synagogue in a corner of Jerusalem's Temple Mount. Mr Harrison indicated that the article had proven "very useful."

## II. ADMINISTRATION

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A. Personnel

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Engineer [ ] arrived on 7 January. [ ] replaces [ ]  
[ ] who departed for Swaziland on 16 January.

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Teletypist [ ] EOD'ed on 2 February.

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London Bureau Communications operator [ ] arrived in Tel Aviv on 23 January for a 4-week TDY to assist the bureau while teletypist [ ] is undergoing training.

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B. Building and Grounds

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On 23 January, the bureau received the go-ahead to begin parking in the [ ] parking garage. Parking was initially limited to the daylight hours, until lighting was installed on the first three floors toward the end of the month. Permanent parking arrangements will be made after a professional company takes over the management of the garage, tentatively in late February.

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C. Other

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[ ] and [ ] attended a 4-hour lecture on terrorism and hostage-taking delivered by visiting Department of State Office of Security personnel.

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## III. VISITS

Embassy Personnel Unit Chief Robert Denney visited the bureau on 10 January to discuss premium pay issues with the bureau's local employees.

Bureau Chief [ ] returned from England on 26 January after 11 days of R&R which included a brief stopover at London Bureau.

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#### IV. COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Engineer [ ] received a barrel-shaped clock and a certificate of honorary membership in the Maccabi brewery from a representative of Israel's beer breweries in recognition of his devotion to the local product. The award and certificate were presented at a farewell party for Jim thrown by the owner of his favorite restaurant and bar, the Bonanza.

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Chief, FBIS Tel Aviv Bureau

Attachments: a. Production Report  
b. Communications Report

## Tel Aviv Bureau Production Report for JANUARY 1986

## I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	198940
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	63560
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	659

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:	6078.00	840.00	56.00
(minutes or issues per week)	min.	min.	issues

III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:  
(publishable words per month)

Clandestine Bayrak Radio in Turkish	7510
Clandestine Bayrak Radio in English	900
Clandestine National Voice of Iran in Persian	1450
Clandestine Our Radio in Turkish	1450
Clandestine Voice of Turkish Communist Party in Turkish	4800

CYPRUS	
Nicosia ANATOLIA in Turkish	0

ISRAEL	
Jerusalem Domestic Service in Hebrew	56560
Jerusalem Domestic Service in English	12350
Jerusalem Television Service in Hebrew	11280
Jerusalem Television Service in Arabic	700
Tel Aviv IDF Radio in Hebrew	13590
Jerusalem AL-FAJR in Arabic	3410
Jerusalem AL-MITHAQ in Arabic	270

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Jerusalem AL-QUDS in Arabic			4040
Jerusalem AL-SHA'B in Arabic			1390
Jerusalem AL-TALIAH in Arabic			0
Jerusalem GOVERNMENT PRESS OFFICE in English			4010
Jerusalem KOTERET RASHIT in Hebrew			150
Jerusalem THE JERUSALEM POST in English			14680
Tel Aviv 'AL HAMISHMAR in Hebrew			5360
Tel Aviv BEMAHANE in Hebrew			400
Tel Aviv DAVAR in Hebrew			3210
Tel Aviv HA'ARETZ in Hebrew			12210
Tel Aviv HA'OLAM HAZE in Hebrew			0
Tel Aviv HADASHOT in Hebrew			2430
Tel Aviv HATZOFE in Hebrew			1100
Tel Aviv MA'ARIV in Hebrew			8580
Tel Aviv YEDI'OT AHARONOT in Hebrew			3630
SOVIET UNION			
Moscow Radio Peace and Progress in Hebrew	0		
Moscow in Dari	0		
Moscow in Turkish	0		
TURKEY			
Ankara Domestic Service in Turkish	18850		
Ankara ANATOLIA in Turkish		2450	
Ankara ANATOLIA in English		1890	
Ankara ANATOLIA in French		290	

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Istanbul CUMHURIYET in  
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Istanbul HURRIYET in  
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UNITED KINGDOM  
London BBC World Service in  
English

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TEL AVIV BUREAU MONTHLY COMMUNICATIONS REPORT FOR JANUARY 1986 ATTACHMENT B

1. TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED WAS 198,940 ( 227,720 )  
TOTAL NONPUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED WAS 63,560 ( 57,830 )  
DAILY WORDAGE FILED AVERAGED 8,468 ( 9,211 )  
HIGHEST DAILY WORDAGE FILED WAS 13,490 on 24 January 1986  
LOWEST DAILY WORDAGE FILED WAS 2,670 on 18 January 1986

2. OUTAGES ON OUTGOING SKYMUX CIRCUIT TOTALED 14 HOURS, 2.7 PERCENT.  
OUTAGES ON INCOMING SKYMUX CIRCUIT TOTALED 14 HOURS, 2.7 PERCENT.

OUTAGES: 3 January 1986 - Problems at [ ]  
9 January 1986 - [ ] disc update  
10 January 1986 - Computer problem at [ ]  
12 January 1986 - Problems at [ ]  
18 January 1986 - Satellite retracted due to local storm  
26 January 1986 - Problems at [ ]  
28 January 1986 - Satellite problems [ ]

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3. WORDS FILED VIA TELEX DURING OUTAGES OF THE SKYMUX CIRCUIT: 1,890

NB. Figures from preceding month in Parentheses.

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